

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1881

The land business is picking up. Oberlin has one happy man. His better half arrived from Michigan last Friday.

The house of Rev. J.E. Langley of Cedar Bluffs was burned to the ground Sunday night, March 13. It was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary as Rev. Langley has not lived in the house for about three months.

Wilson & Cochran have associated with them N.G. Addleman, in the law and land business.

S.D. McDowell of the Prairie Dog sent us two samples of sugar and one of syrup made from the sap of box elder trees. They are equal to sugar made from hard maple and persons having an interest in timber culture should examine it.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1906

The juniors got tired of pulling down the sophomores' flag and Friday night it floated on the standpipe in all its glory.

A spell of real winter occurred from Saturday noon until Monday morning.

Mr. Harris tells us that the new hitching chain has been put up at the cemetery and reaches nearly the entire length of the west side and makes a convenient place for hitching teams. The cost was something over \$75 and was all paid by popular subscription.

Ted Seavey sold out last week to

Homer Wolfe. Ted says cooking all night gets monotonous.

Miss Iva Millen, the composer of the *Norcatur Register*, came home Saturday for a visit with her folks, returning Monday evening.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1931

A meteor or so-called falling star was seen to fall on the night of Feb. 26 in northwestern Kansas. All those who saw the occurrence are asked to write the Colorado Museum of Natural History in Denver giving time, direction and angle of descent; also the sound, how large you think it was and where you think it came to earth and your own location.

We were surprised Saturday when Harry Bates brought Boin Fortin to this office and introduced him as the new owner of the Bates Dray business, but guess Mr. Bates has a right to sell if he wants to as he has been in the business since the winter of 1918. Mr. Fortin and his four sons will do all the work themselves.

The past week Dr. H.F. Cevely has had installed in his dental office an X-ray machine which had nearly become a necessity in the modern dental office.

Norcatur: Bobby Rapp has had the tonsillitis.

Norcatur: The marriage of Ross Stapp to Dorothy Alice Clay at Fowler, Colo., was Sunday, Feb. 13, 1931. The bride is the daughter

of Dr. and Mrs. C.W. Clay of Fowler and is a graduate nurse. Ross is a graduate of the Class of 1919 and attended college in Manhattan, and is employed by the Wyoming state highway department. The couple will make their home at present in Basin, Wyo.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1956

The contracts have been let on the county nursing home for a total of \$180,335 and construction will start within 30 days.

One of the landmarks of early-day business in Oberlin has gone by the wayside with the razing of the old frame elevator building near the C. B. & Q depot. This elevator was erected in 1887 by J.F. Harris & Co. and the new owners of the property, O.F. and H.O. Lohofener, decided it was time to replace it with new grain storage facilities of a fireproof construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Macy and sons, Ronnie and Donnie, have sold their home at 311 North Marks to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zodrow and will leave next week for Pomona, Calif., where they expect to locate.

Funeral services were held for a well-known and respected Decatur County farmer, Tom Young, 61. He is survived by his wife, the former Louise Cochran; three children, Charles, a 1950 graduate of DCHS who is presently with the U.S. Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas; Robert, a junior at DCHS; and Margaret, an eighth

grader at Bassettville Rural School.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McVay, daughter, Katherine Susan, March 1; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmitt, daughter, Jeanine Ilene, March 6; Mr. and Mrs. Medford Bailey, daughter, Jody Anne, March 8; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rydquist, daughter, Eva Louise, March 8; Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen, Cedar Bluffs, daughter, Edith Eileen, March 12.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1981

The Unified School District 294 Board of Education voted unanimously to hire Gordon "Buzz" Matson, Decatur Community Junior High principal the past two years, as building principal for grades 7-12 at DCHS. Looking at the steadily declining enrollment in both schools, the board decided that one administrator could manage both. Official enrollment in the two schools on Sept. 15, 1980, was 338 students.

At a meeting of the Kansas Wheat Commission with representatives from Kansas State University held in Oberlin last week, key concern was the quality of hard red winter wheat grown by local producers. Although wheat yields are increasing the protein quality, desirable in milling and baking, is dropping in some varieties.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shields, Imperial, Neb., son, Brett Michael, March 2; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fall, daughter, Emily Clarissa, March 3; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Solko, Oberlin, daughter, Kimberly Jo, March 10.

Kim Kerchal has replaced Tom Wonsetler as Servi-Tech Inc. field service representative in Decatur and Sheridan counties. Wonsetler will be division manager for the Colby, Goodland, Sharon Springs, Hoxie and Oberlin areas.

A loss in substate action to Southwestern Heights at Leoti ended the season for Coach Annette Sulzman's Red Devils girls. Southwestern Heights went on to earn a berth in the state tournament. In earlier tournament action, the Red Devil boys were ousted by Ness City.

Cedar Living Center

Kenneth Sattler is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

The exercise group met Monday morning with volunteer Catherine Neal in charge. Marie Jean Vavroch hosted a social hour on Monday afternoon. She served coffee and cookies. Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Alice Fiala won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Bea Wolfgram won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on the patio Tuesday afternoon.

The dietary and activity departments hosted a special lunch featuring sandwiches from the A&W Restaurant at noon on Wednesday. Margee Wilson assisted with making root beer floats.

Juanita Williby played pinocle Wednesday afternoon with Don

Shaw, Zola Brown, and Nettie Britton.

The craft group met Wednesday afternoon to make door decorations for St. Patrick's Day.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father George from Sacred Heart Catholic Church said mass Thursday morning.

The Zeta Nu Club held their meeting at Cedar Living Center Thursday afternoon. Following the business meeting they hosted the March birthday party. Club members served long johns and coffee to residents, staff and guests. Entertainment for the party was provided by students from the Decatur Community High School music department, with assistance from Susan Nelson and Mary Jo Lohofener.

The baking group made sour cream cookies on Friday afternoon.

The Oberlin United Methodist Church gave the worship service

this week.

Recent visitors: Frank Cox, Sharon Wolfram, Herndon; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; George Wurm, Rosa P. Boehm, Ben and Karen Lashley, McCook; Doyle and Kay Brown, Merl and Ruth Chance, Frances Bader, Jennings; Rose Domsch, Atwood; Sparky and Eileen Nolan, St. Francis; Jerry Temple, Gary Anthony, Lynn Ward, Norcatur; Shirley Axtell, Danbury, Neb.; Phyllis Zeller, Ravenna, Neb.; Dixie Fields, Colby; Earl Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Gilbert Bollig, Clayton;

Opal Huntley, Nadean Stoney, Florence Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Sandra Young, Lois Lamb, Roxie Pomeroy, Carolyn Muirhead, Eula Juenemann, Delores Koerperich, Helena Bruggeman, Alice Shirley.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Many exciting things are happening in Jennings.

Men from California with a bus company were in the area Wednesday and Thursday. They were making plans to purchase the school building and the changes they will make. They were also looking for ground for an airstrip. Many smaller details must be worked out when they return in mid-April.

Keith and Helen Muirhead enjoyed a ten-day visit from their daughter, Teffani Zadeh, and grandchildren, Natalia and Dylan, from Chicago.

June Vavroch was happy to have her daughter, Connie and Darrell Dreher, Hays, visit her over the weekend.

Jennings Housing board meeting

will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The elementary school children had a nice program Thursday. They sang songs, told jokes and did the bunny hop. We have some very talented children in the group.

Changes will be made Saturday at the Jennings Post Office. Karen Washburn of Norton, who is postmaster at Jennings, will be postmaster at Almena. Alice Barnett, postmaster relief from Norcatur, will be appointed officer in charge at Jennings until a new postmaster is appointed.

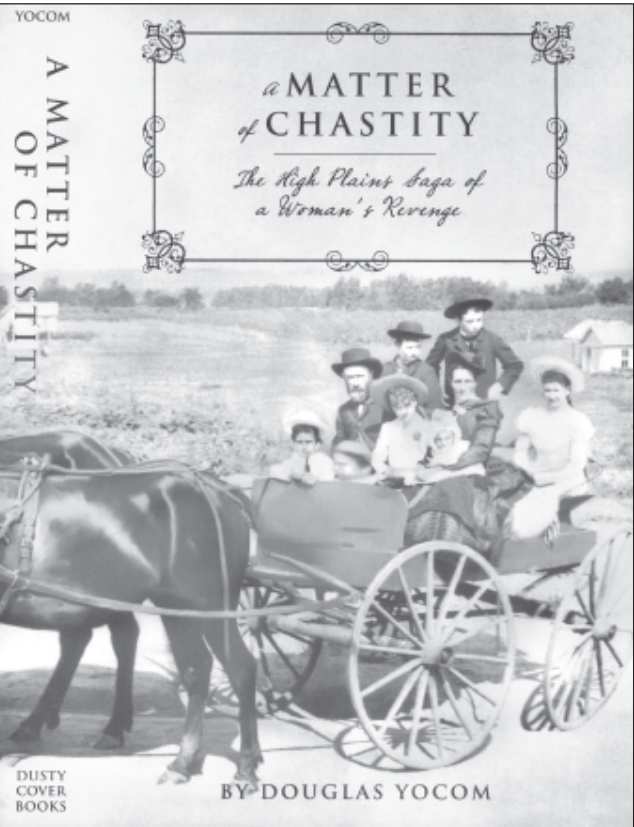
Grant Bailey was named to the semester honor roll at Northwest Kansas Technical College at Goodland. He is the son of Mike and Vickie Bailey and is majoring in engineering technology.

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Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Ann Martin and Julie Geisinger attended the baptism of Nash Geisinger at Leoville. He is the great-grandson of Ann Martin and the grandson of Julie and John Geisinger, Selden.

His parents are Jason and Dana Geisinger, Selden.

Visitors of Edie Pettera last Sunday were Jan Sattler and Hattie Toth of Atwood and Julie Hafner.

Ron and Rodney Solko, Oberlin, and Tom Solko were last Sunday visitors of Monica Solko.

The Herndon Library has new hours. It will be open from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Beth Chartier and Frank Hraha were among those from the Rawlins County Catholic churches who went with other Kansas Catholics in

a pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican. Others attending were Larry Kogl, David and Loretta Studer, Mike and Carol Sramek and Sandy Frisbie from Rawlins County.

They were led by Father Damian Richards, pastor of St. John's, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart churches.

Herndon Senior Citizens met at the Senior Center on March 1 for a business meeting.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Frank Hraha. Beth Chartier read the poems, "When Mama Turned 91" and "Have You Earned Your Tomorrow." Helen Marintzer won blackout in Bingo and Frank Hraha won the door prize. The next business meeting will be Wednesday, April 5.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rhonda May drove to Rice Lake, Wis., last Tuesday to bring her mother-in-law, Elizabeth McConnell, back to Oberlin for an extended visit with Rhonda and Dan and their family. They arrived in Oberlin on Wednesday.

Greta Wendelin, Seward, Neb., visited the Norman Wendelin family last Tuesday and Wednesday during her spring break from Concordia University.

Among those participating in 4-H Day in Oberlin on Friday were Ryan May, Hannah and Zach May, Elizabeth and Hunter Nedland, and Cassidy and Caitlin Shields.

Caitlin received a regional blue on her vocal duet with Madison Monaco and a red on her piano solo.

Cassidy received blues on her vocal solo, trumpet solo and vocal duet with Cheyenne Soderlund.

Elizabeth received a red on both her piano solo and French horn solo.

Elizabeth and Hannah received a regional blue on their piano duet.

Hannah received a blue on her demonstration and a red on her piano solo.

Hunter received a blue on his illustrated talk and also on his vocal solo.

Ryan received regional blues on his reading and project talk, an alternate blue on his reading duet with Miki Dorshorst and a red on his piano solo.

Zach received regional blues on his project talk and vocal duet with Samantha Anderson, blues on his trumpet solo, trumpet duet with Miki Dorshorst, piano duet with Samantha Anderson and a red on his piano solo.

The Stick-To-It 4-H Club model meeting also received a regional blue. Those with Regional blues will go on to Regional 4-H Day in Brewster on Friday, March 31.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Sunday Gayle and Ruth Bainter attended the dedication service for items donated to the McGraw Methodist Church. Those who attended included Russell Bainter and family, Judy and Jim Gaumer, and Avis Herl.

On February 16 Steve and Kathy Launchbaugh and Mike and Carol Metro celebrated Carolyn Launchbaugh's 90th birthday with family and friends. Happy belated birthday, Carolyn!

Graham Mahanna visited Steiner Scott and family on Friday for Steiner's upcoming birthday.



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